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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the telephone conversation of May 31, the examiner raised a few questions about the previous amendment.

In particular, the examiner felt that the language of claim 49, "A compound ... and pharmaceutically acceptable salts" should more properly read "A compound ... or a pharmaceutically acceptable slat thereof". This amendment has been made in order to expedite prosecution. Similarly, the language of claims 60 and 61 has been changed. No change in meaning or scope is intended, and none has been made thereby.

The examiner suggested that claims 58-60 were redundant since claim 49 already included salts. Applicants do not agree; claims 58 and 59 are directed specifically to the salts of compounds of claims 49 and 50, respectively, and are not redundant.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. In view of the extended length of time that has occurred since the payment of the original Issue Fee in this Application, Applicants respectfully request the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date.

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If the Examiner believes additional matters remain to be resolved, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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